CLAIMS

- 1/ A topical cosmetic composition comprising nicotine in the form of a mixture with at least one cosmetically acceptable vehicle, characterized in that the nicotine is free nicotine.
- 2/ The composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the free nicotine represents between 0.001 and 0.5% by weight of the composition.
- 3/ The composition as claimed in either of the preceding claims, characterized in that it is in the form of a gel, oily gel, cream, ointment, milk, lotion, balm, spray, emulsion, patch, stick.
- 4/ The use of the composition as claimed in one of the preceding claims, for reducing or limiting any localized excess fat of the cellulite type in particular.
- 5/ The use of the composition as claimed in one of claims 1 to 3, for improving the firmness of the epidermis.
 - 6/ The use of the composition as claimed in one of claims 1 to 3, for combating skin aging.
- 30 7/ The use of the composition as claimed in one of claims 1 to 3, for improving the softness of the epidermis.
- 8/ A method for the cosmetic treatment of local
 35 excess fat of the cellulite type in particular,
 according to which an effective quantity of the
 composition which is the subject of one of
 claims 1 to 3 is applied locally, by the topical
 route.

9/ The method as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that the quantity of nicotine released is between 0.3 and 3 mg per application.